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TESTING OF INDIGENOUS EQUIPMENTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Air Force and Army conducted exercises (Named Poorna Vijay) in Rajasthan in the month of May, 2001 to prepare itself to face nuclear, biological strikes;

(b) if so, the number of troops and the combat aircrafts took part in these exercises;

(c) the manner in which these exercises are being considered to be as successful from the defence point of view;

(d) whether similar exercise were also held in Punjab region; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A number of Army formations and the Indian Air Force took part in the exercise.

(c) The objectives for which the exercise was undertaken, have been achieved.

(d) & (e): The exercise was undertaken in the Western Sector covering the border states of the region.